BANGALORE DISTRICT.

No. 39.

PROCEEDINGS OF AN ADJOURNED SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, BANGALORE, HELD ON WEDNESDAY THE 17TH MARCH 1926, AT 5-30 P.M., IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER.

Members.

Present ... ... 22 | Absent 8

Subject No. 1.—To consider letter No. 10180, dated 5th March 1926, from the Chief Engineer of Mysore, forwarding for countersignature an estimate for Rs. 8,38,460 for duplicating the Rising Main from the Soldevanahalli Pumping Station to the Combined Jewell Filters.

Resolution.—1. Resolved that the estimate amounting to Rs. 8,38,460, be sanctioned, provided that the City Municipal Council shall not be required to incur any further expenditure over and above the sum of Rs. 6,60,000 originally sanctioned by Government in this respect and agreed to by the Council.

2. Further resolved that the City Municipality may not be called upon to meet any other expenditure arising out of aligning or improving the proposed new and old lines and that under no circumstances the liability of the Municipality to meet the cost of the scheme should exceed the amount already sanctioned and agreed to passed unanimously.

No. 40.

PROCEEDINGS OF AN ADJOURNED SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, BANGALORE, HELD ON SATURDAY THE 27TH MARCH 1926, AT 8 A.M., IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER.

Members.

Present ... ... 25 | Absent 5

Subject No. 1.—To consider the question of taking up a small portion of the land belonging to Janopakari Doddanna's Hall for the completion of the Market Circus and of including a portion of Municipal land within the new ornamental wall to be constructed in front of Doddanna's Hall, subject to the conditions agreed to between the trustees of Doddanna's Charities and the Municipality.

Resolution.—The proposals are approved.

No. 41.

PROCEEDINGS OF AN ADJOURNED GENERAL MEETING OF THE CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, BANGALORE, HELD ON SATURDAY THE 27TH MARCH 1926, AT 8-15 A.M., IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER.

Members.

Present ... ... 25 | Absent 5

Continuation of subjects on the printed agenda for 6th March 1926.

12. To consider the resolution of the Municipal City Improvement Committee, dated 23rd January 1926, recommending that site No. 204, measuring 20' x 52' in the rear road of the Hoskote Road be given to the trustee of the Nalbandvadi Mosque for the construction of a shop in exchange for the site already acquired from him.

Resolution.—Approved.

13. To consider the resolution of the Special Committee, dated 5th February 1926, regarding the payment of litigation charges in the matter of the acquisition of Door No. 3/20 in Akkipet and Jamkhanpet Cross Road, Bangalore City.

Resolution.—The opinion of the Special Committee is approved.

14. (*a*) To approve the resolution of the Municipal City Improvement Committee, dated 15th February 1926, recommending the conversion of the western end shop of the minor Industrial Shop block into a urinal and latrine, both for the Police Office and the Public instead of constructing a urinal and latrine at the west end of the Market Frontage Shops.

Resolution.—The recommendation of the Municipal City Improvement Committee is approved. Voting 11 'For' and 1 'Against'.

(b) To accord approval to the joint recommendation of the Honorary President and the Municipal Commissioner on one side and the Executive Engineer, Bangalore Division on the other, to assign from the ground of the Medical College to the Municipality a piece of land for the Band Stand in exchange for the two strips of land of the Municipality.

Resolution.—Approved.

15. To sanction a revised estimate for Rs. 653, received from the Superintendent, Bangalore Power and Lighting, with his letter No. 8081, dated 13th February 1926, for running Local Telephone Line to the residence of the Honorary President in Arcot Sreenivasachar Street, Bangalore City.

Resolution.—Sactioned.

16. To sanction an estimate for Rs. 1,059, received from the Special Engineer for metalling the road between the China Goods Stall and the stalls in the rear of the Market Frontage.

Resolution.—Sanctioned.

17. To consider Resolution No. VII of the Municipal Education Committee, dated 9th January 1926, in the matter of starting of a Kannada Primary School in Raja Mahal Upparhally near Dobspet, with a recurring expenditure of Rs. 874 per annum and a non-recurring grant of Rs. 200 for the initial equipment.

Resolution.—Sanctioned.

18. To consider the resolution of the Managing Committee, dated 28th January 1925, recommending that the premises of "Minerva Mills, Ltd." be included into the City Municipal limits.

Resolution.—Approved.

19. To sanction transfer of funds amounting to Rs. 9,340 from one sub-head to another under Major Head, D. Public Works, Civil Department, as per statement, dated 4th February 1926, submitted by the Municipal Engineer.

Resolution.—Sanctioned.

20. To consider the letter No. 598 L A.D., dated 15th February 1926, from the Comptroller to the Government of Mysore, asking for the refund of a moiety of conveyance allowance drawn by the Overseer and Sub-Overseers of the City Improvement Division, on the ground that it is not allowed under the orders of Government.

Resolution.—(*a*) Resolved that the Government be moved to sanction the continuance of the conveyance allowances of Rs. 15 hitherto drawn by the Sub-Overseers of the City Improvement Works, notwithstanding the fact that they are maintaining only cycles, having regard to the fact that the work in the City is of an arduous nature and requires constant moving about and also to the circumstance that it is not possible to maintain any other kind of conveyance on an allowance of Rs. 15. Should there be any technical objection to this procedure, the allowance need not be called conveyance allowance, but granted only as allowance.

(*b*) Resolved further that the case of the Municipal Sub-Overseers who also draw a conveyance allowance at a different rate be separately investigated so as to remove the inequalities in regard to the grant of such allowances.

21. Mr. P. M. Basappa, to move,

"That all items of public works under Rs. 500, estimates to be sanctioned by the Commissioner, be thrown open for tenders on fixed days in the week with reasonable time given for their approval."

Resolution.—Mr. P. M. Basappa moved his proposition, which was seconded by Mr. N. Sanjeeviah, Mr. P. Subbarama Chetty proposed and Mr. C. N. Narasinga Rao, seconded the following amendment:—

"That all items of public works above Rs. 250 and below Rs. 500, estimates to be sanctioned by the Commissioner, be thrown open for tenders or quotations as far as possible."

Mr. P. M. Basappa accepted the amendment, which therefore became the substantive proposition.

The proposition was put to vote and lost, as 10 voted 'For' and 11 'Against', including the President's casting vote.

Remaining propositions 25 to 30 were deferred to next month's meeting.

No. 42.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, BANGALORE, HELD ON SATURDAY THE 3RD APRIL 1926, AT 8 A.M., IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER.

Members.

Present ... 20	Absent ... 10

Mr. H. R. Venkatasubba Rao, B.A., L.C.E., Executive Engineer, Water-Supply Division, Bangalore City, was also present on special invitation.

Subject.—Consideration of the Honorary President's note on the steps to be taken for securing an eqitable distribution of potable water in the City from and after the 15th April 1926 in view of the fact that the quantity of water available for supply from the tanks reserved for the purpose is limited and the supply now being made from that source will be reduced to a considerable extent.

HONORARY PRESIDENT'S NOTE.

In view of the fact that not more than 950,000 gallons of water to be drawn from the Yelemallappa Chetty and Hoskote Chickkere tanks would be available per day for distribution in the City of Bangalore, on and from the 15th of April 1926, until which time only the Hessarghatta tank supply is expected to last, and the water supply to the City will have to be reduced in consequence, from 1,250,000 gallons as at present to 950,000 gallons per day from 15th April 1926, the questions as to what measures should be adopted for an equitable distribution of water all over the City and how water should be supplied to certain localities situated in the higher elevations to which water cannot reach for want of sufficient pressure at the head, will have to be considered and decided upon by the Council.

The President in opening the proceedings of the day gave an exhaustive and clear account of the various measures adopted by the Municipal Executive on the authority of the Municipal Council to supplement filtered water supply from the Jewell Filters by means of improving wells, sinking new wells and constructing reservoirs to store unfiltered water in several parts of the City. It was pointed out that considering the gravity of the situation, it was essential to carry on vigorously the well works programme to relieve the distress in localities such as Chamarajapet, Gowdanapet and Cubbonpet, where supply of pipe water was quite inadequate and had even become uncertain. He also referred to the great need for economising the use of filtered water in view of the fact that the supply of the same would be reduced by nearly 250,000 gallons from the 15th April 1926. The President emphasised the need for co-operation in this direction from the public and the rate payers.

(THE FULL TEXT OF THE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH IS APPENDED HERETO.)

Gentlemen,

I wish to give you a short account of operations conducted under the able guidance of our ever active and energetic Commissioner in respect of the supply of the unfiltered water from wells in Bangalore City.

An actual inspection and survey of all the existing private and Municipal wells has been made and detailed plans of several divisions have been prepared with the position of all the wells marked on them. These plans have been placed on the table for your inspection. There are on the whole 2,367 private wells in houses which are being used. It is estimated that about 300,000 gallons of water are being drawn from them daily. Most of these wells are used only partly where intermittent supply of filtered water is given. No water is used in several houses where filtered water is easily available.

2. There are 62 Municipal wells in the whole City, which have been opened up and made available for use, to most of which hand pumps, elevators and electric pumps have been fitted up, as marked on the accompanying plans*. From these Municipal wells, at least 171,000 gallons of water are being drawn daily.

3. Besides wells, three large schemes have been adopted in places where water difficulty has been most keenly felt. In Gowdanpet, which is most densely populated by Mill and Railway hands, neither well nor filtered water is available. Here, a masonry Reservoir of 6,000 gallons' capacity has been built, which is supplied with water from a Municipal well fitted up with an electric motor and pump. The pipe line through which water is pumped from the well to the Reservoir is 1,507 feet in length. Six street stand-posts have been given along the pipe line and ten taps have been provided for at the Reservoir. A large Municipal well has been opened up and kept in reserve to supply this Reservoir, if even the present source fails.

4. In Chamarajapet there has been a great scarcity for water, especially in the more elevated parts. Over a thousand people living in these parts are being put to great inconvenience. Here, a Reservoir of 6,000 gallons' capacity has been provided. It is to be connected by means of pipe lines with a new well that is now being sunk in the V Main Road. An electric motor and pump are being provided for this well. Twelve stand-posts at the junction of streets and twelve taps to the Reservoir are also to be provided to make the supply from this well absolutely self-contained.

5. In Cubbonpet, where also the cry for water has been persistent, a masonry Reservoir of 10,000 gallons' capacity has been put up and is being connected by a 2,900 feet pipe line leading to the Municipal well behind the Sampigey tank, for which a motor and pump have been fitted up. The Reservoir is provided with 12 taps and the streets with 12 stand-posts. In case the water from this well is found inadequate for this Reservoir, another large Municipal well with an ample supply of water has been kept in reserve. The supply to Cubbonpet will thus be assured.

6. It will thus be seen that there are 2,537 private wells in the whole City, from which only about 300,000 gallons of water are being drawn daily. From the three Reservoirs mentioned, about 20,000 gallons of water are being daily used. From the 62 Municipal wells, 1,71,000 gallons are drawn daily. Thus a supply of 491,000 gallons is assured. The amount spent up-to-date is Rs. 30,000 and Rs. 10,000 more will be required for further developments in this direction. This will relieve the pressure on the supply of filtered water.

*Plans not furnished.

7. Coming now to the question of filtered water, I may inform that the supply from the Hessarghatta tank is likely to last only up to the 15th of this month. Thanks to the efforts of the Water-Supply Department that arrangements to pump water from the tank of Yelemallappa Chetty are almost complete. You are aware that not long ago an estimate for Rs. 1,50,000 was sanctioned by this Council for the above purpose. Another esitimate for Rs. 60,000 will be placed for your sanction at the next meeting of the Council. This is intended to supplement the supply of Yelemallappa Chetty tank by drawing water from Hoskote Chickkere. Thus the total expenditure in this connection will amount to Rs. 2,10,000. Out of this, Council has to bear its share of expenditure as already decided. It is necessary to inform the Council that the pipe line fitted up in Mallappa Chetty tank is capable of pumping only 2,000,000 gallons of water daily. Out of this, nearly 100,000 gallons will be utilized for washing filters. The quantity that would be available is only 1,900,000 gallons, out of which our share would be 950,000 gallons. I may inform the Council that till about the last July, the daily consumption in the City itself was nearly 1,800,000 gallons. This had to be reduced to 1,300,000 gallons which are now being supplied. This is to be further reduced to 950,000. Thus within a course of 9 months, the supply is to be cut down by 50 per cent. As already stated by me, this quantity will be supplemented by well water to an extent of 491,000.

8. Now the question before the House for consideration is how to arrange for an equitable distribution of filtered water all over the City and what steps are to be taken to supply water to localities situated on higher elevation The Executive Engineer, Water Works Division, who has kindly come over at our request will explain to you the present situation in more detail. His views are that in case the supply of well water from three Municipal Reservoirs mentioned above can be increased from 20,000 gallons to about 60,000 gallons, he would be able to manage to supply filtered water to Basavangudi and such other parts on higher elevation. Mr. Madhava Rao, our Engineer, who has so well handled the situation is able to supply this increased quantity by pumping water to the above said reservoirs from other wells which he has reserved by the installation of additional pumps. The Executive Engineer, Water Works Division, has very kindly promised to lend to us about 2,000 feet of his pipe line and thus with the help and kind co-operation of Mr. H. R. Venkatasubba Rao, Executive Engineer, and his Assistant Mr. M. L. Narasimha Iyengar, whose activities in this direction are so well known, we may be able to tide over the difficult situation.

I cannot close my observations without stating that great credit is due to our officers for their timely and prompt action and from the fact that they have spared no pains to handle the situation in a business like and earnest manner. A perusal of the plans will readily convince you the amount of care that has been bestowed upon this subject and the magnitude of work it involved and our thanks are due to the Municipal Commissioner, Mr. B. T. Kesavaiengar, under whose directions things have progressed satisfactorily and whose solicitude for the welfare of the citizens of Bangalore is beyond description.

Now, Gentlemen, nothing could be done without your active help and hearty co-operation and I request one and all of you in whom the Administration of this Municipality is vested to give once again a proof of the high sense of your duty and obligations which you have so often and so unhesitatingly demonstrated in the development of civic life of Bangalore.

Mr. D. Venkataramiah opened the discussion and dwelt on the difficulties experienced in the Extensions and the amount of expenditure that the Municipality had sanctioned from time to time notwithstanding which the distress continued to be severe. He was followed by most of the Councillors present. Each one of them urged the difficulties experienced in his division and requested action to be taken to minimise the distress prevailing there. After almost all the Councillors had spoken, the Executive Engineer, Water Supply Division, Mr. H. R. Venkatasubba Rao answered the various points raised during the discussion by the Councillors and observed that the inadequate supply of pipe water in certain localities referred to by members during discussion was due to want of sufficient pressure at the head and to the inherent defect in the distribution system in the City as pointed out by Messrs. Belur Srinivasiengar and S. N. M. Razvi. He stated that he had come that morning to explain the situation as regards the present state of filtered water supply which would undergo a considerable reduction from the 15th April 1926. The present supply is 12,000,000 gallons for the City and the supply from Yelemallappa Chetty tank would not be more than 2,000,000 gallons as the 15 inch pipe line laid could not take in more. The City portion would thus receive only 950,000 gallons per day. He pointed out that in these circumstances it was essential to restrict the hours of supply from the filters. He also explained that various alternatives had been thought of, such as cutting off house connections, etc., but they had been given up as either impracticable or leading to abuse. He agreed that it was likely that some portions in the City may not be able to get filtered water, owing to lack of pressure and continuous drawing during the hours of supply, but he said that the defect is not remediable under existing circumstances. He informed the Council that all possible precaution was being taken to ensure supply in the Yelemallappa Chetty tank.

As a result of the discussions and explanation, the following resolutions were adopted by the Council:—

The first subject taken up for consideration was as regards the hours of supply from the Jewell Filters. The Executive Engineer, Water Supply Division, had pointed out that it was inexpedient to regulate supply twice a day from a technical point of view.

Mr. Belur Srinivasiengar accordingly proposed that the hours of supply be restricted to 5 hours in a day and that the distribution be regulated from 5 A.M. to 10 A.M., from the 15th April onward. The proposal was duly seconded. It was resolved that the hours of supply of water from the Jewell Filters be restricted to 5 hours from 5 A.M. to 10 A.M. Voting:—Fourteen voted 'For' and 4 'Against.'

Mr. G. Paramasiviah urged that this arrangement would affect the cooly population employed in the Mills, severely and accordingly proposed that the hours of supply should be fixed from 3 P.M. to 8 P.M. This proposition which was seconded by Mr. N. Sanjeeviah was put to the vote and lost, 6 voting 'For' and 11 'against.'

Messrs. G. Paramasiviah and N. Sanjeeviah demanded a poll and the results was as shown under:—

The following voted 'For'.—1. Mr. G. Paramasiviah, 2. Mr. P. M. Basappa, 3. Mr. H. Bhadrappa, 4. Mr. N. Sanjeeviah, 5. Mr. S. N. M. Razvi, and 6. Mr. G. B. Raghavendrachar.

The following voted 'Against.'—1. Mr. C. Hayavadana Rao, 2. Mr. B. V. Krishniengar, 3. Mr. S. Venkatarangaiengar, 4. Mr. N. V. Kalyanpur, 5. Mr. G. Siddaveerappa, 6. Mr. G. Muniyappa, 7. Mr. V. A. Krishnamurthi Mudaliar, 8. Mr. Belur Srinivasiengar, 9. Mr. D. Venkataramiah, 10. Mr. S. N. Seetharama Rao and 11. Mr. M. Royan.

As a consequence of this resolution and in order to provide facilities to areas where there would be scarcity of pipe water supply, the following other resolutions were adopted:—

(1) Resolved that the public of Bangalore be informed by beat of tom-tom as well as by distribution of hand bills that the hours of water supply from pipes will be confined to the hours from 5 A.M. to 10 A.M. from the 15th April onwards.

(2) Resolved further that Government be requested to issue orders immediately for stopping the supply of water to the following business concerns:—(*a*) The Distillery, (*b*) The Government Workshops, (*c*) The Bangalore Cotton, Woollen and Silk Mills, The Maharaja Mills and The Kaiser-i-Hind Mills and (*d*) The Railway Company.

(3) Resolved also that in view of the fact that the supply of water from the Jewell Filters will be considerably reduced, the programme of well works be extended and continued and that an additional expenditure of Rs. 10,000 over and above the amount already sanctioned be sanctioned.

(4) Resolved that Government be requested to kindly issue instructions to the Director of Industries and Commerce to transfer the well boring plant and its establishment to the charge of the Municipality temporarily, the control over the plant and establishment during this period, vesting completely in the Municipal Council, having regard to the fact that delays are likely to occur by the plant being under dual control. Further resolved that Government be requested to kindly waive the establishment charges as a special case, the same being met from the same source as that from which it is now met.

(5) Resolved further that the Executive Engineer, Water Supply Division, be requested to kindly investigate cases where the installation of rotary pumps has led to an abuse of pipe water supply and caused great inconvenience to the neighbours.

No. 43.

PROCEEDINGS OF AN ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF THE CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, BANGALORE, HELD ON SATURDAY THE 10TH APRIL 1926, AT 8 A.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER.

Members.

Present ...	... 22	Absent ...	... 8

The proceedings of the Council Meetings, dated 6th, 13th, 17th, 20th and 27th March 1926, were read and recorded.

Letters from Messrs. G. Paramasiviah and C. N. Narasinga Rao, Municipal Councillors, expressing their inability to attend the Council Meetings were read and recorded.

Before the proceedings began, Mr. C. Hayavadana Rao, Municipal Councillor, brought to the notice of the Council, that since the date of the last Special Meeting on the 3rd instant, there has been loud complaint in the paper from the residents of the higher parts of the Basavangudi Extension, regarding the difficulty that would be felt by the proposed restrictions of the hours of the water supply and enquired what action, if any, is proposed to be taken in the matter.

The President replied that he was aware of the matter and that necessary steps will be taken to give the relief sought for.

Deferred Subjects.

1. Mr. W. H. Hanumanthappa to move—

"That while giving effect to the Government Order No. 9923-31—L. F. 398, dated 25th February 1899, notifying that Kamblies are exempt from taxation, this Council resolves that no octroi duty be levied on Kamblies imported into the Bangalore City Municipal limits and that refund may be ordered to the merchants entitled to the same."

Resolution.—(1) Resolved that the following words be added to Schedule A on page 50 of the Bye-laws, under "E."

"Mysore made Kamblies imported into the limits of the Bangalore City Municipality are exempt from duty under this clause, as per Government Order No. 9923-31—L. F. 398, dated 25th February 1899."

(2) Resolved further that pending formal incorporation of the exemption into the bye-laws and in the schedule, the above resolution be given effect to at once, agreeably to the Government Order referred to above.

2. Mr. Nilgiri Sanjeeviah to move—

"That in order to have communal representation, the Government be requested to send a Non-Brahmin Engineer to succeed Mr. Vijayarangam Naidu in case his services are not continued as per the resolution of this Council."

After a good deal of discussion, the mover amended the proposition as follows:—

"That Government be requested to appoint a qualified Non-Brahmin Engineer, when a vacancy occurs in future."

Resolution.—The proposition in the amended form was put to vote and carried.

Voting 16 'For' and 1 'Against.'

Meeting adjourned to Saturday the 17th April 1926, at 8 A.M.

MOHAMED ABBAS KHAN,
Honorary President.

KOLAR GOLD FIELDS SANITARY BOARD.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIFTH ORDINARY MEETING OF THE KOLAR GOLD FIELDS SANITARY BOARD FOR THE YEAR 1925-26, HELD ON FRIDAY THE 23RD APRIL 1926, AT 3-30 P.M., IN THE SANITARY BOARD OFFICE, CHAMPION REEFS.

Members.

Present	...	14	Absent	...	4.

Read letters from the following members stating that they will not be able to attend the meeting to-day:—

(1) President, Sanitary Board.
(2) Lt. Col. C. N. Keith, Superintendent, Balaghat Gold Mines, Ltd.
(3) Mr. K. Ramegowda, Patel, Kamasandra.

1. Proceedings of the Fourth Ordinary Meeting and the Special Meeting held on 19th February 1926 and 19th March 1926, respectively.

Resolution.—Confirmed.

2. List of Public Works sanctioned in February and March 1926.

Resolution.—Sanctioned.

3. Deferred Subject No. 12 of the Fourth Ordinary Meeting of 1925-26, *re* Peon Sakkarappa's application for the grant of gratuity.

Resolution.—Deferred till the next meeting.

4. Bowringpet Taluk Amildar's No. Refund 13/25-26, dated nil forwarding for sanction a refund for Rs. 144-0-0, being the excess of Mohatarfa tax credited on 30th June 1924, recovered from Mr. K. V. Muniswami.

Resolution.—May be refunded.

5. (*i*) G. O. No. 4683-789—G. F. 85-25-2, dated 18th February 1926, passing orders regarding the eliminations of annas and pies in Contractors' Bills and Comptroller's No. 656, L. A. D., dated 5th March 1926.

Resolution.—The Government Order may be brought into force in the Board.

6. Question of confirmation in their present appointments of (*i*) Mr. M. Sampangi Naidu, Market Sergeant, Robertsonpet, *sub pro tem* on Rs. 75, and (*ii*) Abdul Kareem Khan, Assistant Market Sergeant, *sub pro tem*, on Rs. 35 plus 10 Market Allowance.

Resolution.—Deferred till the next meeting.

7. Application of Mr. R. N. Sheikdavood, claiming compensation for a portion of his site No. 21, in Robertsonpet taken up for the Hajee Road or for the restoration of the portion of land so taken up.

Resolution.—A more detailed enquiry may be made about the claims and subject brought up at the next meeting.